--- 2/17th Pound - “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby ---

Late in 1945, under the March 1943 Budget which doubled the *excise tax* from 1¢ to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof), BABN surcharged the 1/7th pound RN-40 across the top with a single-line 3 mm. red Gothic **4c. EXCISE TAX**, plus a 5 mm. red Gothic **2/17** on the 1/7, and two red 4 mm. killer rosettes at the bottom corners as **RN-229**.

RN-229 - 1/7th pound, perf 11, surcharged **4c. EXCISE TAX**, plus **2/17** by BABN under the March 1943 Budget, coded **1-23D / CTA** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in March 1946

[RN-229]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1945	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**BSD**	**CSD**
1946	---	---	**CTA**	**ATB**	---	**CTB**	**ATC**	---	---	---	---	---

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Meanwhile **RN-34** the 2/17th pound definitive, with the hidden letters are (K-Q), was being prepared. Surcharged under the 1943Budget as **RN-221** with the usual three-line 6 and 3 mm. red Gothic **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN, it is first listed as used by Imperial Tobacco, Granby, in April 1946.

RN-221 - 2/17th pound, perforated 11, surcharged **4c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN under the March 1943 Budget, coded **1-23D / ATB** by “Imperial Tobacco”, Granby, in April 1946

[RN-221]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1946	---	---	---	**ATB**	**BTB**	**CTB**	**ATC**	**BTC**	---	**ATD**	**BTD**	**CTD**
1947	---	**BVA**	**CVA**	**AVB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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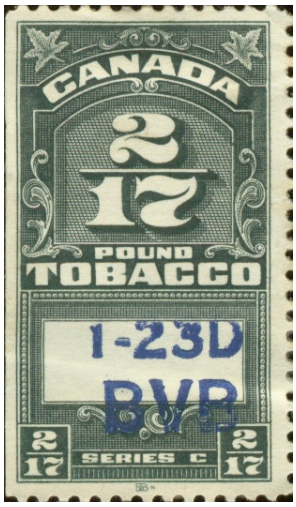
In 1947 legislation abolished the necessity of printing the *excise tax* on tobacco stamps, and use of the un-surcharged **RN-34** began.



RN-34 - 2/17th pound, perforated 11, coded **1-23D / BVB** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in May 1947

[RN-34]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1947	---	---	---	---	**BVB**	**CVB**	**AVC**	**BVC**	**CVC**	**AVD**	**BVD**	**CVD**
1948	**AAA**	**BAA**	**CAA**	**AAB**	**BAB**	**CAB**	---	---	---	---	---	---

The use of the 2/17th pound stamp seems to have stopped in mid-1948, but was resumed in 1951.

1951	---	---	---	---	**BDB**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

At this time, surplus copies of the 1/13th pound RN-12 were overprinted by BABN for use at 2/17th pounds with a 6 mm. red Gothic **2/17**, plus twin paired 2 x 4 mm. vertical red killer bars at the bottom corners as **RN-234**. Lee Brandom has mistakenly listed this overprint as from the 1st Wartime Budget.

RN-234 - 1/13th pound, perforated 11, overprinted **2/17** by BABN,
coded **1-23D / BDB** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in May 1951

[RN-234]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	**BDB**	**CDB**	---	---	---	---	---	---

In 1951 Imperial Tobacco changed their long standing three letter date coding, and adopted a three digit code. Based on the cigarette cancellations from Imperial Tobacco, I think this new code initially reads weekly, changing to semi-monthly (from October 1952 until April 1954), and thence again reading as four per month until the two-digit monthly codes begin in June 1956. A collection purchased many years ago, stated that the numbers **129-130** and **134-138** were not used due to a plant strike, and that the numbers **148-199** were omitted when production re-started.

RN-34 - 2/17th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / 127** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in July 1951

[RN-34]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	**127**	---	---	**141**	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**142**	---	---

At the same time, surplus copies of the 2/19th pound RN-27 were overprinted by BABN for use at 2/17th pounds with a 6 mm. red Gothic **2/17**, plus twin paired 2 x 4 mm. vertical red killer bars at the bottom corners as **RN-238**. Lee Brandom has again mistakenly listed this overprint as from the 1st Wartime Budget.

RN-238 - 2/19th pound, perf 11, overprinted **2/17** by BABN,
coded **1-23D / 128** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in July 1951

[RN-238]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**134**	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**131**	---	**140**	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	**128**	**132**	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**133**	---	---	---	---
1952	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	**206**	---	**214**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	**207**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---			
	204	---	**212**	---	---	---	---	---	---			

Also at this time, surplus copies of the 1/11th pound RN-20 were overprinted by BABN for use at 2/17th pounds with a 6 mm. red Gothic **2/17**, plus twin paired 2 x 4 mm. vertical red killer bars at the bottom corners as **RN-236**. Once again Lee Brandom has mistakenly listed this overprint as from the 1st Wartime Budget.

RN-236 - 1/11th pound, perf 11, overprinted **2/17** by BABN,
coded **1-23D / 211** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in March 1952

[RN-236]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1951	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	**144**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1952	**201**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	**211**	**215**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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Evidently BABN had printed a fresh batch of the 2/17th pound **RN-34** since the use of the various overprints stops.

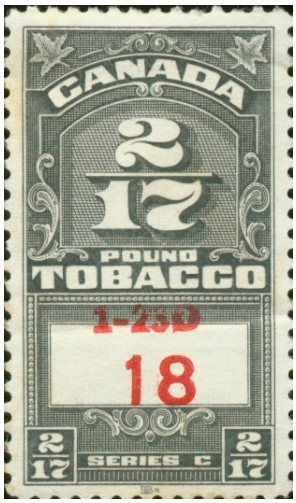
RN-34 - 2/17th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / 216** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in April 1952

[RN-34]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1952	---	---	---	---	**217**	**221**	**225**	---	**233**	**236**	---	**240**
	---	---	---	---	**218**	---	---	---	---	**237**	---	---
	---	---	---	---	**219**	**223**	---	**231**	---			
	---	---	---	**216**	---	---	**228**	**232**	**233**			
1953	---	**244**	---	---	---	**252**	---	**256**	**258**	---	**262**	**264**
	---	---	---	---	**251**	**253**	**255**	**257**	**259**	**261**	**263**	---
1954	**266**	**268**	---	**272**	**276**	**280**	**284**	**288**	**292**	**296**	**300**	**304**
	267	**269**	---	**273**	**277**	**281**	**285**	**289**	**293**	---	**301**	**305**
				274	**278**	**282**	---	---	**294**	---	---	**306**
				275	**279**	---	**287**	**291**	---	---	**303**	**307**
1955	**308**	---	---	**320**	---	**328**	**332**	---	**340**	**344**	---	**352**
	---	**313**	---	**321**	**325**	---	---	**337**	**341**	**345**	**349**	**353**
	310	---	**318**	**322**	**326**	**330**	---	**338**	---	---	---	---
	311	**315**	**319**	**323**	**327**	**331**	---	**339**	**343**	**347**	**351**	---

Numbers **360**, **369**, **370** and **377** are on **RN-35** (the 2/17th pound *imperforate* stamp), the rest are on the perforated **RN-34**.

[RN-34]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	356	360	364	---	372	---	380	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	365	369	---	377	381	---	---	---	---	---
	358	362	---	370	374	378	382	---	---	---	---	---
	---	363	367	371	375	379	---	---	---	---	---	---

Use of the *imperforate* 2/19th pound stamp, **M-550**, began in 1956. There are two varieties of the company code. The first was the 2½ mm. Gothic cancellation 1-23D - while the second was the 3 mm. Courier 1–23D.



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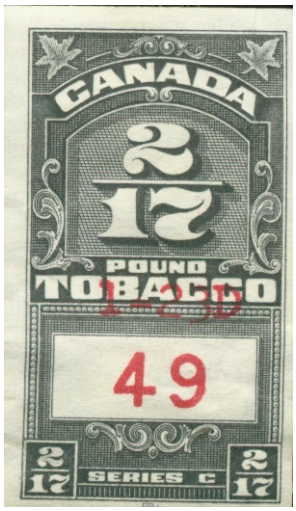
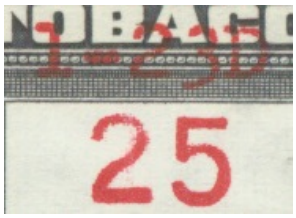




RN-35

--- using a 2½ mm. heavy Gothic 1-23D - without serifs ---

[RN-34]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	---	---	---	---	---	11	12	14	---	---	17	18

[RN-35]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1957	---	---	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	---
1958	---	---	33	---	---	---	37	38	39	---	---	---
1959	---	44	45	46	47	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1960	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	63	---	---	66
1961	67	---	---	70	71	72	---	---	75	---	77	78
1962	79	---	---	---	83	---	85	86	---	88	89	---
1963	91	---	93	94	---	---	97	98	99	---	---	14
1964	15	16	17	18	---	---						

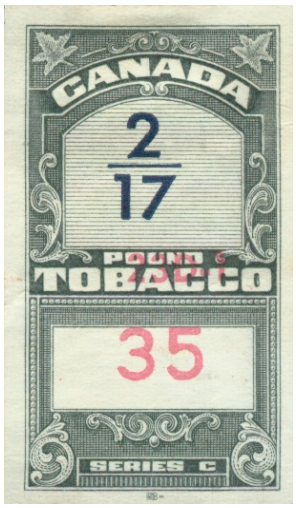
--- using the 3 mm. thin typewritten mimeographed 1–23D ---

[RN-35]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1958	---	---	---	---	35	---	37	---	39	40	41	---
1959	---	---	45	---	47	---	49	---	---	---	---	---
1960	---	56	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1961	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	76	---	---
1962	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1963	---	---	---	---	95	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1964	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	22	---	---	---	---
1965	---	28	29	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

It is difficult to accurately place the two code variations. It seems that the two different type faces were used concurrently on separate production lines. Thus they are all one family!

At this point note the following: 13 has been omitted - this seems to occur on all of the numbered “Imperial Tobacco” stamps. Upon reaching 99 the sequence re-starts at 11.

At **33** in July 1965, the use of the new design ***blue denomination*** **RN-262** begins, and the company code reverses to read as 23D-1.



RN-262 - 2/17th pound, perforated 11, coded **23D-1 / 35** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in September 1965

[RN-262]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	**33****	---	**35**	---	---	---

33** is from the box collection, on a pouch of "Field & Stream - Pipe tobacco"

--- RN-292 - imperforate - used by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby (23D-1) - 1965-1966 ---

At **35** the central denomination was printed in ***blue ink*** but upon reaching **37** the central denomination colour has been changed to ***black ink***.

RN-292 - 2/17th pound *new design* Series "C", imperforate, with a ***black central denomination***, coded 23D-1 / **37** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in November 1965

[RN-292]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**37**	---
1966	---	**40**	---	**42**	---	**44**	---	---	---	---	---	---

* **44** occurs in the general collection

The switch-over date from the ***blue denomination*** to the ***black denomination*** with the *new design* Series “C” stamps is not fixed. It will vary depending upon the quantity of stamps at hand in a denomination. Those ***blue central denomination*** stamps in plentiful supply will exhibit a later switch-over date than those in short supply.

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